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# New post PX opens

**Spc. Mason T. Lowery**  
Staff Writer

The Army Air Force Exchange Service opened the doors to a new post exchange on Fort Stewart to a crowd anxious for deals and giveaways Friday. Third Infantry Division (Mechanized) Commanding General Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr. and AAFES Commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost cut the ribbon during the opening ceremony.

"Don't even think about shopping anywhere else! If we don't have it here – you don't need it!" Frost told the crowd.

"AAFES opened a store for the 3rd I.D. in Kuwait. AAFES opened a store for the 3rd I.D. in Iraq. It's about time they opened a new one for them at Fort Stewart," she said.

Webster reminded the excited shoppers to be polite to the PX staff as they descended on the new store. He said the associates are part of the Marne family and shoppers should thank them.

The 3rd Inf. Div. Band played during the opening ceremony. Shoppers were treated to free goods inside the store, including DVD's and energy bars. Racecars were on display in front of the store. A Bradley Fighting Vehicle was featured as part of a static military equipment display. Country Singer Amy J. McCabe signed autographs from 1 to 3 p.m. and performed in the evening. Carl Smith, author of "Fringe Patriot" was on hand to sign autographs all weekend.

The opening celebration continued on Saturday, which was dedicated to children. Marne children were treated to entertainers and games all day. On Sunday, the PT Cruiser and Harley Davidson clubs displayed their vehicles.

In addition to freebies and entertainment, shoppers were treated to wider isles, a bigger product selection, more food stores, a Military Clothing Sales, and an optical center – all in one place, making it more convenient than the previous setup where such shops were located all over base, according to Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield AAFES Exchange General Manager Floyd Wynn.

"Most people see the store and say, 'Wow, what a big store.' We're just thrilled to be open today," Wynn said.

Alexandria Daniels, a clinical nurse at Winn Army Community Hospital, was the first customer through the checkout lines at about 8:50 a.m. She had to be at work at 9, but braved the crowd to quickly pick up a microwave.

"I think (the new PX) is wonderful. When I get more time, I'll come back and check it out."



Spc. Mason T. Lowery  
Fort Stewart and Hunter AAFES Manager Floyd Wynn, 3rd Inf. Div. Commanding General Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr. and AAFES Commander Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost cut the ribbon at the new PX on Fort Stewart Friday.

## Straight to the source ...



Spc. Mason T. Lowery  
Sen. (D-MA) Edward M. Kennedy talks to Pfc. Luke Cowie, B Co., 10th Eng. Bn. Tuesday. Kennedy visited Fort Stewart along with Sen. (Ret.) Max Cleland (D-GA) to speak to troops about their experiences in Iraq. He asked about the difference between training stateside and in Kuwait, their equipment and supply issues and the value of their Kosovo training, among other things.

## Savannah to Welcome 3ID troops home

Special to The Frontline

The United Services Organization, in conjunction with the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, will honor local troops today with an event called "USO Welcome home Festival ... Savannah Style."

The event will occur on Savannah's River Street and gates will open at 3:30 p.m. There will be free food and beverages provided to military identification card holders.

A short ceremony formally kicks off the festivities at 5:30 p.m. The highlight of the ceremony will be local military units being recognized for their respective roles in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom and an air Force and coast Guard flyover.

The festivals entertainment portion is free and will feature concerts by New Vision, Mandorico and Diamond Rio. The Georgia Force, Arena Football League, cheerleaders will be performing.

## Montgomery Gate reopens for business at Hunter

**Sgt. Craig Zentkovich**  
Hunter Public Affairs Office

The wait is over.

After more than ten months of construction and countless hours of traffic congestion, Montgomery Gate at Hunter Army Airfield opened to commuters Wednesday at 5 a.m.

The primary purpose of the project was to bring Hunter's gates to contemporary force protection standards, according to Maj. Louis J. Poore, Hunter Army Airfield provost marshal.

Montgomery Gate, now the main gate for traffic entering and exiting Hunter, will be open 24 hours. The facility, complete with a

vehicle registration building and canopies for all soldiers working the gate, will have real-time digital closed circuit video cameras.

"With the new facility, we will be able to direct visitors to the (access control building) located at the gate, and search vehicles and trucks while maintaining security," Poore said. "It's far more functional than what we've had in the past."

Once through the gate, vehicles will travel on the sparsely populated Duncan Road – a four-lane, median-divided, thoroughfare.

"This layout at the gate and (on Duncan Dr.) will increase traffic flow considerably," Poore said.

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Sgt. Craig Zentkovich  
Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander, and Maj. Louis J. Poore, Hunter provost marshal, discuss future operations at Montgomery Gate prior to its opening Wednesday.

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Photos by Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.

Children enjoy the spinning teacup ride at a free fair open to soldiers and their family members at the welcome home celebration on post Saturday.

# Welcome Home

*Hinesville, Fort Stewart show appreciation to returning 3ID troops with festival on post*

**Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.**  
Staff Writer

Citizens and local government officials Saturday lined the streets of downtown Hinesville to welcome home the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Folks of all ages participated, waving flags and cheering loudly as Marine units passed one by one and saluted the crowd. Gen. Jose D. Riojas, assistant division commander (support), took control of the procession once troops reached downtown, and marched them back onto Fort Stewart.

Later that afternoon, a picnic was held on Fort Stewart, offering free food and drinks to the soldiers and their families. A fair was also open from 1 to 5 p.m., free of charge, with rides and games for family enjoyment. The fairground was filled with soldiers and their families, riding such rides as a ferris wheel and a merry go round. Children were running underfoot with mouths full of cotton candy and caramel apples.

"I think it's a great morale booster," said 1st Sgt. Franklin D. Jordan, 26th Forward Support Battalion. "This is an excellent opportunity for people to come out and

communicate with each other."

"Morale, Recreation and Welfare did an excellent job setting up this event. It is a good way to bring people out and let the kids and family enjoy themselves," he added.

A concert for the soldiers and their families began at 7 p.m. at Donovan Field. Many people arrived on foot and set up lawn chairs and blankets to settle in and enjoy the show.

Up and coming rhythm and blues group Red Hot and Cool kicked off the show with covers of 70s and 80s funk hits.

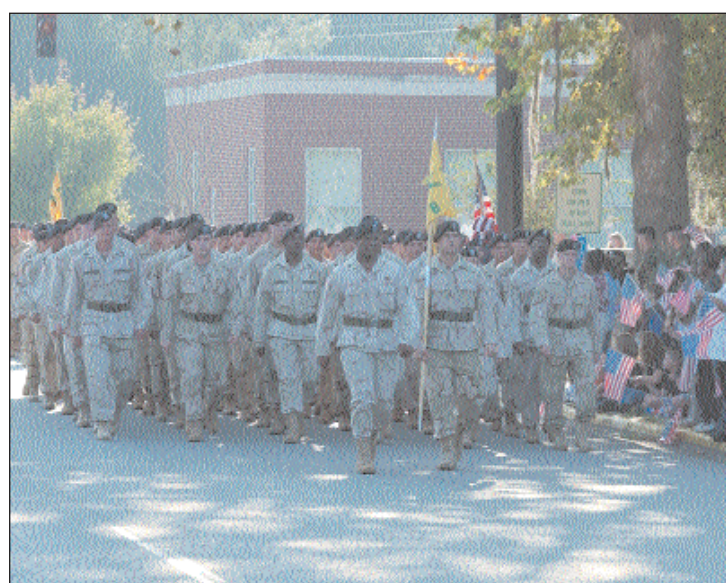
Comedian Sinbad followed with a stand up comedy act in which he recounted his experiences in the armed forces along with humor about Operation Iraqi Freedom and military life in general.

The final act featured country sensation Jo Dee Messina, who stirred the crowd up with numerous country and western songs. Throughout her act she thanked the soldiers for a job well done and told them she was glad to have them back, that this event was planned for them.

"We are thankful for what the soldiers did in Iraq and their families who stayed here," said Larry Cutchins, chief of recreation for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. "This is just a way of saying thanks for the great job that they did for us defending our country."



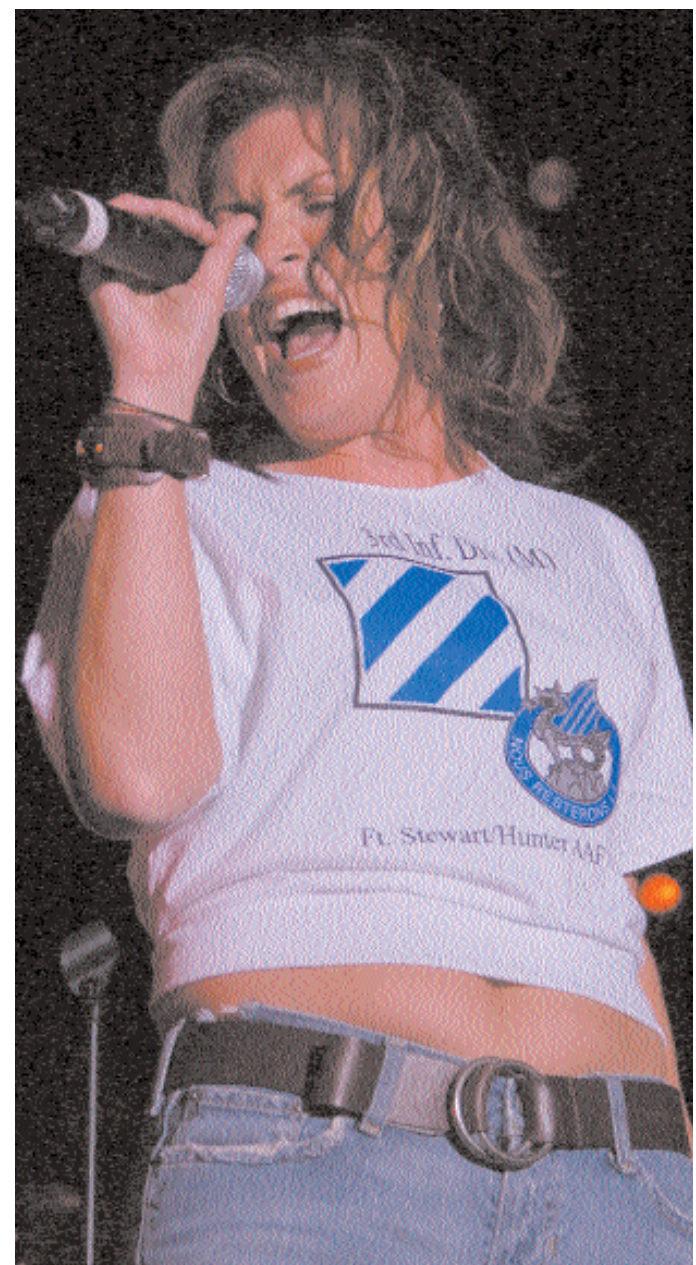
A father and his son ride the giant slide at the fair Saturday.



A crowd of onlookers cheers for 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers during a parade Saturday.



Many soldiers and family members attended the free fair Saturday, which was held to show appreciation for a job well done in Iraq.



Contry singer Jo Dee messina hits a high note during a concert for the 3rd Inf. Div. soldiers Saturday.



Give the Army a chance ...

# Reenlisting keeps forces going

**Spc. Jonathan M. Stack**  
Associate Editor

There comes a time in every soldier’s life when he must make a big decision, whether to make the Army a career or get out and become a civilian.

The Army needs troops to reenlist to maintain its fighting force, said Staff Sgt. Paula Burchett, 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion career counselor. A soldier can reenlist up to 12 months prior to his expiration of time of service.

There are three categories of reenlistment. The first one is when a soldier reenlists for the first time.

“(Soldiers) can possibly receive a continental United States assignment of choice,” Burchett said. “They can also receive a guaranteed assignment

in Korea.”

A soldier can also change jobs if he is eligible, she said. A soldier is eligible for reclassifying jobs if his general technical score on the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery test is 110 or better and his current job can afford to let him go.

According to Policy Message 03-19, initial term soldiers in a balanced or shortage job may reenlist for current station stabilization or the Army training reenlistment option. The minimum reenlistment period for the current station stabilization reenlistment option is three years.

The second category is for soldiers who have already reenlisted once before or have gotten out of the Army, and have come back in with 180 days of prior service.

These soldiers are eligible for the

same things as the first category except for reclassifying, Burchett said. The only way these soldiers can change jobs is if they are in over-strength military occupation specialties.

The final category applies to staff sergeants or above who have more than 10 years of service. These soliders, who are known as careerists, must reenlist for indefinite status.

All three categories are eligible for bonuses if the MOS is offering one, Burchett said. If a soldier is reclassifying, he isn’t eligible for a bonus.

There are a few incentives to reenlisting, she said. A soldier can receive a four-day pass for every three months he is stabilized. He can also sign up for the college incentive, where he attends a sec-

ondary school for 15 semester hours during duty hours. The college credits will also help with promotion points.

“(Soldiers) can also reenlist to go to another unit within the division,” she added. “A soldier must reenlist for a minimum of two years.”

Not only do soldiers help the Army keep up its fighting force but it might motivate other soldiers to do the same.

There are many different reasons soldiers decide to reenlist. Sgt. Gerald C. Cleven, a voice intercept operator, finally decided to reenlist after going back and forth on the decision to reenlist or not. He said he reenlisted because the Army was able to give him what his family needed.

Cleven will be stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in the 224th MI Bn.,

he said. The unit doesn’t deploy, so this will offer his family a regular schedule, will give him time to start college and will place them in an area they like.

“I have enjoyed the five years so far and feel I have more to contribute (to the Army,)” he said. “My whole family is military and something I have been proud of.”

Other than station of choice, he also received an \$18,000 bonus for reenlisting for six years.

“I don’t think a lot of people give the Army a lot of credit,” Cleven said. “I think more people should give the Army a better chance. There are opportunities out there, they just have to look for them.”

He added, “If young soldiers give the Army a chance they can find out it could work for them.”

## Stewart bids 3220th farewell

**Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.**  
Staff Writer

Fort Stewart will finally say farewell to the 3220th Garrison Support Unit, which has been mobilized to backfill positions left empty by 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers since Sept. 11, 2001.

Farmers 200 years ago would respond to a nation’s call by dropping their plows, picking up their hatchets, swords and muskets and letting their spouses and children tend to the farms, said Col. Edwin R. Marrero, commander of the 3220th GSU. That is why we have the reserves.

“Once rumors came to us of an attack on the U.S., we were ready by the time the president asked us to get ready,” Marrero said. “Just a few days after 9/11, we had our first contingency at Fort Stewart, consisting of 57 military police and a provost marshal team.”

Five other detachments were subsequently sent until the arrival of 250 soldiers in January 2003, Marrero said.

The 3220th GSU wasn’t here to be the new sheriff in town, said Warrant officer Roberto Amoroso, chief of the Fort Stewart media center. “We were here to do a mission and work alongside our active duty counterparts and the Department of the Army civilians.”

The mission is to keep close ties with active duty and support whoever is at Fort Stewart at the time, Amoroso said.

The 3320th was here during Operation Desert Storm and supported the 24th Inf. Div. before the 3rd Inf. Div. came to this installation, Amoroso said.

No matter who comes or goes, the 3220th will always come back to Fort Stewart.

“It’s time to go home,” said Marrero. “There’s nothing like home”

On Thursday the 3220th returned to the Reserve Center in West Palm Beach, Fla., and after a brief reception, all the reservists should return to their homes in Miami, Tampa, Orlando and throughout Florida, Marrero said.

“I could have stayed, I must say I would be very content with the possibility of staying another year and working in public affairs,” Amoroso said. “It was nice being able to tell the Army story through Army and civilian media outlets. But being a newlywed and blending back into family life is something I need to get started.”

“The 3220th performed all tasks successfully and contributed in an outstanding manner to the Family Readiness Group initiatives as well as community activities,” Marrero said. “I believe this experience will set the tone for the success of future operations at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.”

He added, “With the satisfaction of a job well done and a mission accomplished, we will return to toil the soil until the next call to arms.”

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

**Col. Edwin R. Marrero, 3220th cdr., pins an award on a soldier during a 3320th award ceremony.**



VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

New PX rocks my Marne

Spc. Mason T. Lowery  
Staff Writer

I'll take the honor of being the first person to write that the new PX is awesome. And I'm not just haphazardly throwing "awesome" out there; my first glimpse of the new PX actually put me into a state of awe.

I got to the PX early on the day of its grand opening to take pictures and write a story about it.

As a journalist, I reserve the right to wander where I'm not supposed to be. I put this look on my face like I have a purpose, and rarely does anyone question me.

So I sidestepped the crowd waiting patiently for the stores to open, and walked right in to the PX.

There were a few people in there besides me — organizers and high rankers, but I was the only person in there just to gawk. I ignored everyone else and took in the magnificence of that monster PX. ("Monster PX" — that's good. Forget Super Wal-Mart, I'm going to the "Monster PX.")

And magnificent that place is. First of all, it's huge. I can't get into the

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square footage specifics, because I don't have them, but it's pretty big. Then the stores — there are more than 10, so really, it's a mall. It's the Monster PX Mall. (That IS good.) One of those stores is Cinnabon, and attached to that is Seattle's Best Coffee. This base has needed a good coffee joint since it invaded the low country *however* many years ago. Army coffee is bad. They write songs about how bad it is. So you'd think some of these stores on post would sell good coffee, wouldn't you? **WOULDN'T YOU!** But no, they didn't. They just sold more bad coffee. Until now, that Seattle's Best coffee is pretty good. Thank you Monster PX Mall.

The new Monster PX Mall also has an optometry store. My faithful readers know how much I love a dorky pair of glasses. So I'll definitely give that



place a LOOK. Also featured is a knife and sword shop. I've always said returning war veterans need ample supplies of oversized cutlery.

Of course it's great that a Clothing Sales store and a cleaners are so conveniently located inside the Monster PX Mall Complex. What could I really say about that — it's obviously great.

If you have any time after your caffeine-fueled Samurai Sword spending spree, go inside the actual PX. Then you'll see what I'm talking about. You'll be in awe too. You may just stand there for a few minutes, and the word "awwwwwwwwww" might escape your lips as your brain is liquefied by the amazing selection. No seriously, there's so much stuff in there. I walked through the aisles saying to myself, "Yes I do need a new \$800 watch. Maybe I should get a food processor. Yes — stereos, CDs, shoes, shelves, yahoo I want it all!"

Once my imaginary shopping spree was over, I left to take some pictures. But I know I'll be back.

I only hope I'm worthy of shopping in an awesome Monster PX Mall Complex.

Marne Voice

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Readers respond to the question:

What do you think of the new PX?

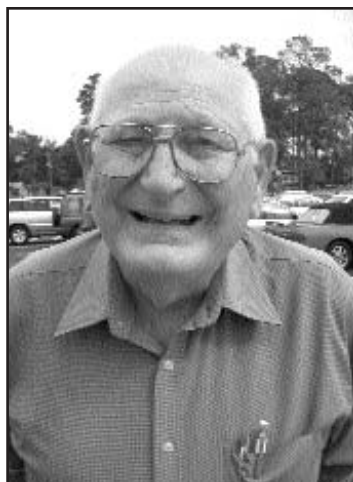
"It gives you a lot more variety, plus the atmosphere of going to a mall."

Sgt. Adrian Bell  
F Troop, 3/7 Cav



"I think it's just fine."

Staff Sgt. (Ret.)  
George A. Fender  
Retiree



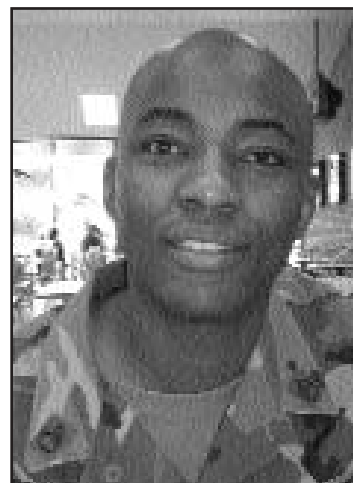
"The new PX is wonderful. The barber-shop is bigger, better lit, and they have more barbers."

Joel Ezeora  
PX Barbershop  
manager



"It's excellent. The size is outrageous. You've got more than enough room so you're not standing shoulder to shoulder."

Staff Sgt. Muhamed  
Kibirige  
K Co., 159th Aviation



"It's outstanding. You don't have to go all over post — everything's right here."

Cpl. Paul Spivey  
C Co., 1/120th  
Whitefield, N.C.,  
Nat. Guard



"It's just like downtown New York."

Robert Forde  
PX Barbershop barber



Child abuse, neglect against the law

Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.  
Staff Writer

Commentary

For most of us, it is difficult to remember what we were like as children. Children seem so full of energy and being, that it is hard to imagine needs that dependent on someone.

For a child, a parent is the world. Who else will they ask when they need something?

Children are constantly doing things they need to be corrected for. After saying "no," "stop," "don't do that," "put it down," "go to your room" and "stand in the corner" so many times, many parents turn to physical punishment, according to Johnny Cusimano, the Family Advocacy program manager at the Army Community Service.

Is it possible for a parent to make the right decision concerning their child's disciplinary needs in moments of extreme stress and anger?

Children don't understand that we have to be at physical training early in the morning, that our jobs are stressful, or that staying home all day with them while their mom or dad is at work takes a toll on our nerves. A child's needs are immediate — "I want it and I want it now." What parent wouldn't give all he had to fulfill the needs of his children?

Yet there is a thin line between I would do anything for my child and I would do anything for my child to leave me alone for a little while.

As far as a child is concerned, the parent is in command. Decisions the parent



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age most children take it as the gospel truth. Yet we are only human. The added stresses of daily life are a factor in how we deal with our children and our spouses when we return home each evening.

Finding housing in Hinesville and the surrounding area was very difficult. When my wife and I first came to Hinesville, we almost went broke looking for a home. Just about everything we saw was totally unacceptable. We got lucky and found a home after almost three weeks of looking. The home is way out in the country. It was a new place that our landlord was just putting the finishing touches on when we found out about it.

So I drive about 35 minutes each way to work and my wife sits at home because she is not working because we only have one car. Luckily, we were able to get our daughter into pre-school, so my wife pretty much does what she wants with her days.

But not all couples have that option.

Imagine being stuck out in the country with one or two very young children all day with no vehicle and no out-

lets. Children require constant attention for their entertainment as well as their safety. This type of environment can take a serious toll on one's nerves.

The lack of adult company and the overwhelming responsibilities of parenthood can create a scenario in which the parent becomes overstressed and makes a wrong decision.

Child abuse is against the law.

Child abuse is not only extreme physical punishment, but also neglect.

A large percentage of child abuse cases reported on Fort Stewart concern neglect, said Maj. Joseph Bird, chief of Social Work Services.

Neglect is simply not having immediate supervision over your children at any given time. It is illegal.

All parents need to get away for a moment. Stay at home parents are just waiting for their spouse to walk in the door to unload the kids.

Most of the working spouses, especially those in the Army, have been taking orders all day or working hard, and all they want to do is come in and be left alone for a few minutes.

This creates tension between the parents. Sometimes we are so wrapped up in our relationships that we tend to forget the needs of our children, who watch what we do and say to develop their own personalities.

It is too easy to lose control and do something to your children that you will feel guilty about later on. How many of us blame the

problems we have on the way our parents raised us? Maybe we can see how hard it was and is to be a good parent. My parents did the best they could with what they had, even though it took me many years to understand the things they did.

Numerous classes are available at the Army Community Service for new parents. Lack of communication and education can lead to severities that no parents ever intended to bring upon their children. Get educated, talk things over with your spouse and find outlets to relieve the stresses of everyday life.

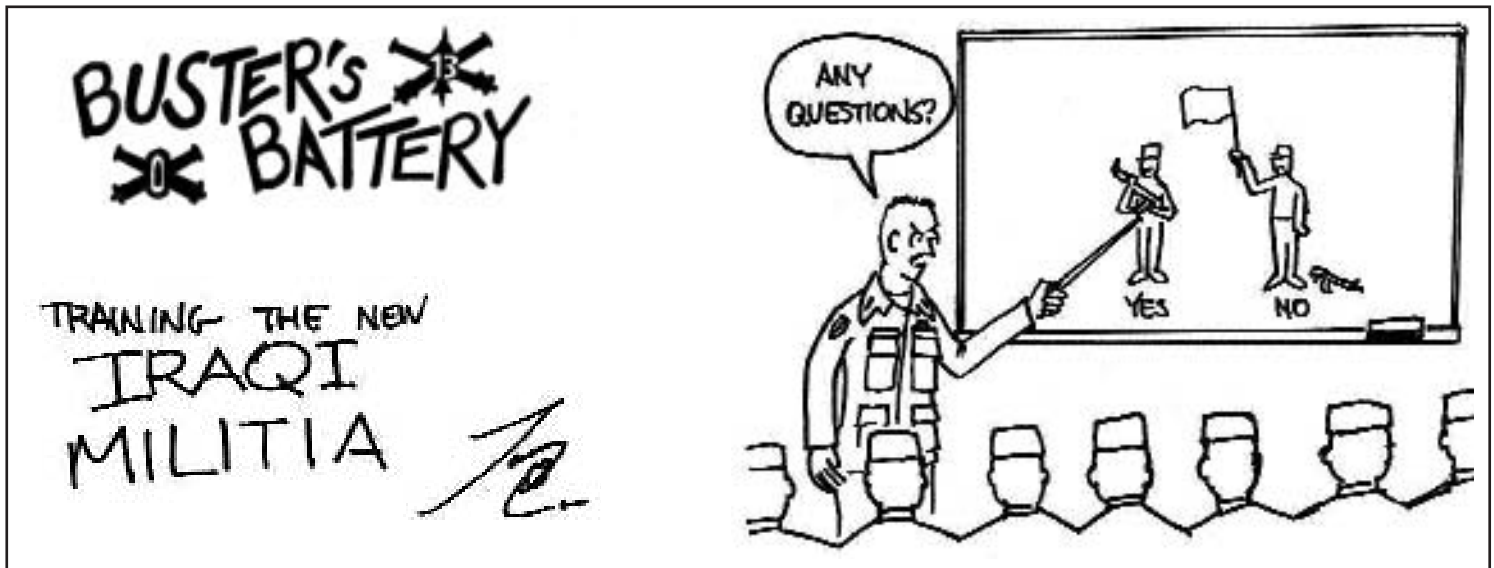
It is important to take time to go out and have some fun with your spouse. Set aside one day a week to see a movie or eat dinner in a nice restaurant. Bring some romance back into your relationship and relieve some stress by having some fun for a change.

This still leaves the problem of what to do with your kids while you are out on the town.

Here is one solution to the problem.

My wife and I constantly offer to watch the children in our neighborhood, and we have racked up some serious babysitting points. In fact, the neighbors have offered to watch our daughter any time we decide to get away and act like a young couple again. This is some serious good medicine for us.

Take advantage of the education that is available to you. Be humble and love your children, for they are



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Columbus Day Operating Hours  
Oct. 13

Fort Stewart

Main Store	10 am to 6 pm
Hospital PX	Closed
National Guard PX	Closed
Main Shoppette/Class Six	9 am to 9 pm
Bryan Village Shoppette	9 am to 9 pm
Brigade Troop Store	Close at 9 pm 12 Oct Re-open 11 am 13 Oct
Victory Shoppette	24 Hours
Anthony's Pizza	Closed
Robin Hood	Closed
Wetzel Pretzel	Closed
American Eatery	Closed
Blimpie	12 pm to 6 pm
Burger King	10 am to 8 pm
Anthony's Pizza	12 pm to 9 pm
Popeyes	10 am to 9 pm
Mall Food Court	10 am to 6:30 pm
Mall Anthonys	10 am to 6:30 pm
Robin Hood	10 am to 6:30 pm
Cinnabon/SBC	10 am to 6:30 pm
Charley's Steakery	10 am to 6:30 pm
Taco John's	10 am to 6:30 pm
Car Care Center	Closed
Military Clothing Sales	10 am to 6 pm
Woodruff Theater	7 pm Showing

Concessions

Kiosks	10 am to 4 pm
Barber Shop	10 am to 4 pm
Beauty Shop	Closed
Simply Perfect Nail Salon	Closed
Gift's Galore	10 am to 4 pm
Petals & Blooms	10 am to 4 pm
Stripes, The Alterations Place	10 am to 4 pm
The Cleaners, Bldg. 71	10 am to 4 pm
Optical Center	10 am to 4 pm
General Nutrition Center	10 am to 4 pm
My Force Apparel	10 am to 4 pm
Urban Wear	10 am to 4 pm
John's Specialty Shop	10 am to 4 pm
Shoe Shine	Closed
Alltel Wireless	Closed
MCC Phone Center	Closed
Brigade Barber Shop	Closed
Laundry/Dry Cleaners, Bldg. 706-A	Closed
Alterations	Closed
Sprint Barracks Phone	Closed
Economic Car Rental	Closed
E L Car Wash/Detail	Closed

Hunter

Main Store	10 am to 4 pm
Hunter Corner Express	9 am to 6 pm
Military Clothing Sales	10 am to 5 pm
Burger King	Closed

Concessions

Short Term Concessions	11 am to 4 pm
Flower Shop	Closed
Laundry/Dry Cleaners	11 am to 4 pm
Alterations	Closed
Beauty Shop	Closed
Barber Shop	11 am to 4 pm
Optical Shop	Closed
Economic Car Rental	Closed
C's Boot Shine	Closed
Sprint Barracks Phone	Closed



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Contractors install rain gutters to put the finishing touches on the newly-constructed Montgomery Gate on Hunter Army Airfield Tuesday.

GATE

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“Once construction is complete (at Wilson Gate), soldiers will have a much easier time entering the installation.”

Aside from the force protection issues involved in the construction of the gate, it is also much more pleasing to the eye, said Lt. Col. Jeffrey J. Goble, Hunter Army Airfield garrison commander.

“The old gate was built sometime in the 1950s,” he said. “Look at it now, and you see a wonderful, beautiful, functional facility.

“For the first three-quarters of a mile down Duncan Dr., you see nothing but newly-constructed buildings – it’s a great first impression that (Hunter) is a great place.”

Goble pointed out that although Montgomery Gate is now operational, it will be about 30 days until work at Wilson Gate is complete.

“Wilson was the primary gate, so we have only been able to close two lanes at a time,” he said. “With Montgomery open, it should make the work at Wilson much easier to finish.”

Overall, Goble and Poore are pleased with the end result of Montgomery Gate.

“One look at (the gate) and you get the feeling that we’re doing things right,” Poore said. “Everyone will see that this is a first-rate facility – everything here is first rate.”

Hunter Army Airfield  
Gate Hours

Montgomery Gate  
(Main/Truck gate)

All week: Open 24 hours

Wilson Gate

All week: 5 a.m. – 9 p.m.

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# G1 staff earns OIF awards

**Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody**  
Staff Writer

Having recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom, G1 HHC, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) held an award ceremony Sept. 30 to recognize their soldiers' performance in Iraq. Lt. Col. William Lukens, G1 officer in charge, gave opening remarks at the small ceremony at G1 headquarters.

"I am proud of what each and every one of you did," Lukens said. "You liberated a country, deposed a dictator, and gave people a taste of freedom. It has been an honor to lead you."

Several Bronze Stars were awarded, as well as Defense Meritorious Service Medals and Army Achievement

Medals.

The G1 office's responsibilities included casualty reports, strength management and accountability, according to G1 Sgt. Maj. Allie Woods.

"Our soldiers were highly motivated out in the desert, especially on the convoys, which were dangerous," Woods said. "We functioned as even more of a team in Iraq, and we've brought that back to the office here."

The G1 staff kept track of 20,000 soldiers during OIF and gave 4,000 awards out in eight weeks, according to Lukens.

"Our team did a superb job improvising ways of handling difficult situations in Iraq," Lukens said. "We did two years worth of work in eight weeks - these awards are well-deserved."



*Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody*

**Lt. Col. William Lukens, G1 OIC, pins the Bronze Star on Master Sgt. Julian Brock.**

# JAG awards its heroes

**Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.**  
Staff Writer

The Judge Advocate General Corps held an awards ceremony at Marne Garden Sept. 30th to decorate its soldiers who redeployed from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Before you are brave men and women who faced 21 days of constant combat and exhibited courage under fire," said Col. William A. Hudson, staff judge advocate.

"They were a force multiplier in the 3rd Infantry Division's historic attack from Kuwait to Baghdad."

During the conflict, the Judge Advocate staff was constantly at the commander's side, advising on rules of engagement, targeting and enemy prisoners of war, Hudson said. The JAG staff wrote operation ordinances, ensured soldier's claims were paid and paid claims to Iraqi nationals supporting our mission.

Other duties of the JAG staff were to escort enemy prisoners of war, ensure that detainee's cells met Geneva Convention standards, and helped coordinate the first criminal trials since the fall of Saddam Hussein, according to Hudson.

The JAG staff also manned the fire effects coordination cell, advising the legality of deep target planning in the vicinity of protected property.

Some of the JAG staff participated in a direct recovery effort when a missile attack killed four people at brigade headquarters, Hudson said. They repeatedly faced danger and adversity with undaunted courage and bravery under fire.

The JAG staff soldiers were awarded thirteen Bronze Star Medals and 18 Army Commendation Medals during the ceremony.

"The awards presented here today are only a small token of your country's thanks," Hudson said. "It is my distinct honor however to present these awards as your staff judge advocate."



*Spc. Jimmy D. Lane Jr.*

**Col. William A. Hudson, staff judge advocate, pins an award Capt. Attilio Balbo, trial counsel, Sept. 30 during the JAG awards ceremony.**

## Troop Medical Clinics

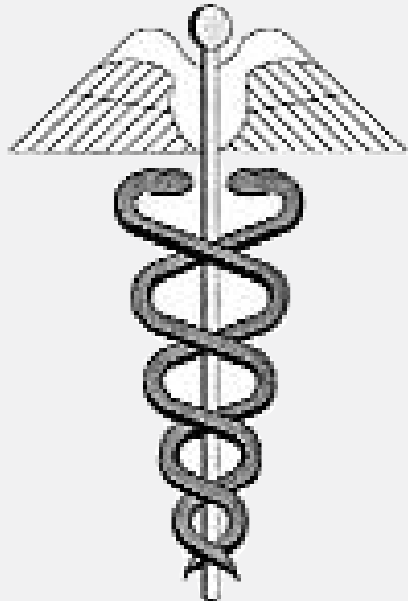
All three Troop medical Clinics have reopened as of September 15. Soldiers are directed to specific clinics according to the unit they are assigned to. The following information lists which clinic serves specific units.

**SFHC #1**  
HHC, 1st Bde.  
2/7 Inf.  
3/7 Inf.  
3/69 AR  
HHB, DIVARTY  
1/41 FA  
1/39 FA  
11th Eng. Bn.  
HHC, 87th CSB  
632nd OD Co.  
239th MP Co.  
549th MP Co.  
C/1 Cav.  
38th EOD Det.

**SFHC #2**  
HHC, 2nd Bde.  
3/15 Inf.  
1/64 AR  
4/64 AR  
3/7 Cav.  
1/9 FA  
HHC, 3rd Inf. Div.

103rd MI Bn.  
HHC, 24th CSG  
3rd SSB  
94th OD Co.  
USAG  
A Co., HQ CMD  
3rd MP Co.  
NCOA  
50th PA Det.  
CID  
148/172 Eng. Det.  
3rd Inf. Div. Band  
E/9 Cav.  
4th Bde., 87th Div.

**SFHC #3**  
HHC, DISCOM  
703rd MSB  
3rd FSB  
26th FSB  
1/3 ADA  
92nd Eng. Bn.  
HHC, Eng. Bde.  
10th Eng. Bn.



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# 603rd ASB soldiers earn OIF awards

**Pfc. Emily Danial**

Staff Writer Hunter Public Affairs Office

"I'm so pleased to be here ... to honor in such a small way your very big accomplishments," said Col. Brian R. Layer, Division Support Command commander, to soldiers of the 603rd Aviation Support Battalion being honored in the unit's Operation Iraqi Freedom Awards Ceremony Tuesday at the Departure/Arrival Airfield Control Group facility on Hunter Army Airfield.

The 603rd was deployed January to July, and served as the focal point for the 4th Brigade logistics team during OIF, ensuring the brigade always had the required fuel, ammunition and operational readiness to complete every mission in the air and on the ground.

The battalion assisted 4th Brigade in a number of ways:

- During combat operations, 603rd soldiers conducted life-saver and patient transfer support at two air ambulance transfer points in Iraq for more than 40 soldiers wounded in action.
- They provided more than 350,000 gallons of fuel to the 4th Brigade, the only source of aircraft fuel for all aviation units on Camp Udairi, Kuwait.
- The only aviation support battalion in theater, 603rd provided aircraft maintenance to several external units, including the 11th Aviation Regiment, 12th Aviation Brigade, and other government agencies.

"The thing I am most proud of," said Lt. Col. Richard T. Knapp, 603rd ASB commander, to the troops, "is that our soldiers made it happen. You did what it took, whatever it took."

In addition to honoring the soldiers themselves for their accomplishments, the battalion also saw fit to invite soldiers' spouses and families to be recognized while receiving their awards.

As names were called, soldiers walked to the front of the room to accept their awards and shake their commanders' hands, rather than standing in formation — a more personal approach.

The battalion's soldiers were awarded a total of 27 Bronze Star Medals, 245 Army Commendation Medals, 43 Army Achievement Medals and one Air Medal.

After the soldiers received their medals, a slide show depicting some of the 603rd's exploits in Kuwait and Iraq was presented to show family and friends just what their soldiers had been doing for all those months.

"I am reminded of one of the verses of "America the Beautiful," said Layer.

*"O beautiful for heroes prov'd  
In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved,  
And mercy more than life."*

He concluded, "May God shed His grace on America, the 603rd and all of you."



Pfc. Emily Danial

Col. Brian R. Layer, Division Support Command commander, presents an award to an A Co., 603rd ASB soldier during a ceremony Oct. 7 at the Departure/Arrival Airfield Control Group facility at Hunter Army Airfield.

## 3/7 Cav. to honor Pulaski

A ceremony commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Founding of the U.S. Cavalry in 1778 by the Continental Congress under the Command of Brig. Gen. Count Casimir Pulaski is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Friday in Savannah's Monterey Square.

The Nation's preeminent monument to Pulaski (built in 1854) is located in Monterey Square. Pulaski's purported remains were discovered entombed at the base of the monument in 1996 during restoration work.

Pulaski, and hundreds of others, died from wounds sustained during the Franco-American Siege of Savannah during the Revolutionary War.

At 2 p.m., a procession of veterans, soldiers from the Marne Division's 3-7 Cavalry, ambas-



sadors, historic associations and governmental bodies will march from Martin Luther King Boulevard at Louisville Road to Monterey Square.

An interfaith Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m., Friday at Savannah's Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist in remembrance of Pulaski and 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their Nation during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Bishop Francis X. Rogue of the Worldwide Military Archdiocese for Catholics will preside, along with clergy of the major faiths, hosted by Savannah's Bishop J. Kevin Boland and Cathedral Rector Monsignor William O'Neill.

For additional information on these events, call (912) 353-7646.

## Coast Guard rescues two men from Altamaha River after boat capsizes

**Lt. Junior Grade Matt Sanford**

USCG Air Station Savannah

Brunswick, GA – At 10:30 p.m., Friday, Coast Guard Air Station Savannah received a call reporting that two elderly gentleman in a 17-foot skiff did not return from their daily fishing outing in the Altamaha River.

Air Station Savannah immediately launched the Coast Guard helicopter 6524 to search for the overdue men.

The crew of CG6524 began their search at the mouth of the Altamaha River and flew inland.

Thirty minutes into the search, a search boat from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources located the two men stranded on Broughton Island after their skiff had sunk earlier that afternoon.

The DNR vessel was unable to reach them due to their location on the Island. Then the DNR vessel vectored the CG6524 to the Island. The CG6524 lowered a rescue swimmer to assess the medical condition of the two individuals. Both

men were in good condition. Next the CG6524 evacuated the men from the island to awaiting EMS at Malcom McKinnon airport.

The U.S. Coast Guard is a military, maritime, multi-mission service within the Department of Homeland Security dedicated to protecting the safety and security of America.

The Coast Guard asks the maritime industry, boaters, and the general public to remain alert to help fight the war on terrorism by notifying the Coast Guard of any unusual or suspicious activity in the ports and waterways by calling the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802.

As always, the Coast Guard urges all boaters to keep proper safety equipment on board their vessel.

Life jackets, flares, fire extinguishers, and a VHF-FM radio are just a few examples of life saving equipment every boater should have on board. It is always advisable to file a float plan prior to taking to the waterways.



Photo courtesy of 3rd Brigade

**Pfc. Richard Flores eyes a target with his weapon at the ready.**

# 3rd Bde soldiers train to sustain

## *Reflexive fire gives infantry soldiers cutting edge skills*

**Pfc. David Foley**

Bayonet Staff

One group of 3rd Brigade soldiers broke out of the typical rifle marksmanship training Tuesday to hone their skills for situations they found themselves in during their deployment to Iraq.

Soldiers from C Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment spent the day at Farnsworth Range conducting reflexive fire training and qualification.

“Reflexive fire is basically shooting at a target without aiming,” said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Cameron, range noncommissioned officer in charge. “Training teaches the soldiers to effectively identify a target and put two rounds into it from up to 50 meters away within three seconds.”

The soldiers fired at targets from several different positions that simulate actual scenarios seen in combat.

They fired from four directions in a stationary position to build their pivoting and aiming skills. Then they practiced walking in each direction and turning to a target in midstride to identify and fire. They also practiced firing while sidestepping.

“It is important to be able to move and cover while returning fire, because if you stay out in the open, you will be taking fire the whole time,” Cameron said.

He said this sort of training is very important for combat readiness in any close-combat situation.

**“It is important to be able to move and cover while returning fire ... ”**

**Sgt. 1st Class Eric Cameron**  
**Range NCOIC**

“Any time you are clearing a building you are using these firing techniques,” he said. “Several times in Iraq, (the soldiers) came around a building and saw an enemy soldier standing there, so they set up and fired.”

After being in an actual combat situation, the unit is still reflexive fire qualified, but it is important to keep training, Cameron said.

“Anytime you go without training, it is easy to lose your edge,” he said, “so we are here honing our skills.”

Sgt. William Allison said he was glad they were training on reflexive fire techniques because they have a lot of new privates who didn’t go to Iraq, and it was a good opportunity for them to learn before the unit goes back.

Whatever the reason for the training, on opinion stood out among the soldiers.

“This is awesome,” said Pfc. Wesley Dobbs. “This is more motivating because it is more realistic.”

“When we are in combat we don’t sit in a foxhole and pick out our targets. We are walking around,” he said. “Anybody can shoot an

M-16 from a foxhole with sandbags, but it takes a lot of practice to be good at this.”

There was no question about the motivation of the soldiers, even though one of them said he pulled the trigger so many time his finger was hurting.

Allison may have said it best with one simple word, “Hooah!”

## Signing for housing ‘leases’ continue

Special to The Frontline

GMH Military Housing, LLC, assumes the full operations at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Nov. 1.

With all resident’s current assignments to government quarters terminating Oct. 31, GMH is in the process of signing Resident Responsibility Agreements (leases) with all of the sponsors.

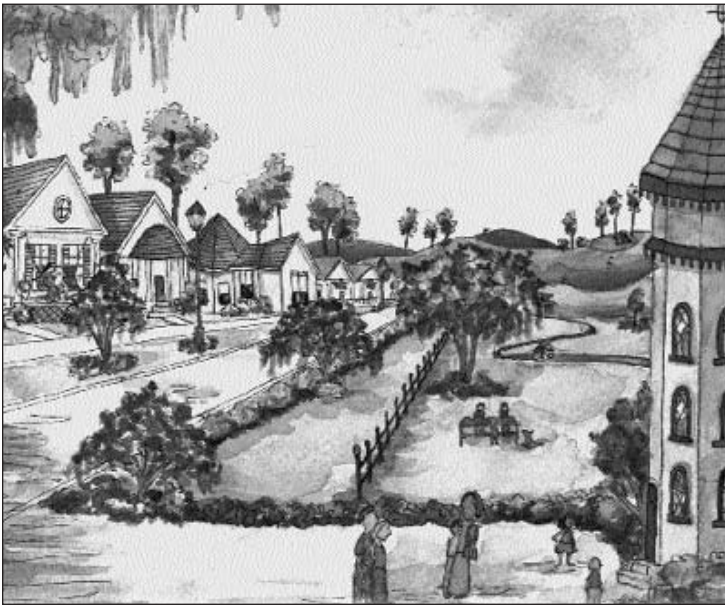
The majority of residents in Hunter Army Airfield attended the lease signing sessions that were held last week. They signed their paperwork and enjoyed lunch.

This week the residents of Fort Stewart are in the process of signing their Resident Responsibility Agreements.

Specific neighborhoods have been assigned days to attend a briefing at Club Stewart, sign their paperwork and enjoy lunch. Look for reminder door hangers at your home one to two days before your signing.

If you would like a preview of the paperwork or have questions, please go to the GMH-Fort Stewart/Hunter Airfield website at [www.southernlivingchoice.com](http://www.southernlivingchoice.com) for further information.

Any resident with a question or problem with their signing date is encouraged to contact the GMH Community Management Office for Hunter Army Airfield at 912-352-5482 or the Community Management Office for Fort Stewart at 912-408-2460.



Courtesy Graphic

**An artist’s rendering of a GMH Military Housing community.**

## *myPay customers warned against ‘look-alike’ sites*

Special to The Fronline

ARLINGTON Va. — The two million military and civilian users of myPay are being cautioned to use only the official myPay site when seeking to access pay account information.

“Personal information is valuable and should be safeguarded,” said Claudia L. Bogard, director of Corporate Communications for the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. “Don’t provide your personal information to any Web site unless you know it can be trusted.”

Look-alike sites have recently frustrated myPay customers who have been confused by accidentally finding their way to a commercial site that is in no way affiliated with DFAS or the Department of Defense.

DFAS’ myPay is a secure, DFAS-operated Web site that lets active duty, National Guard and Reserve military members, civilian employees, and military retirees and annuitants take charge of their pay accounts online. The DFAS myPay Web site is found at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/>



# ACS wins 3 DA awards at conference

**Nancy Gould**

DCAS Marketing

To say Lucia Braxton was surprised when her name was called to accept the 2003 ACS Award of Excellence at the directors' conference last August is an understatement.

"I did know Linda Heifferon had submitted the nomination," said Braxton, Fort Stewart's Army Community Service, ACS, chief, "but not in my wildest dreams did I think we could win."

"When they named Fort Stewart as the large installation winner and called me up to accept it, I danced my way to the podium."

The annual award is given by the Department of the Army to small, medium and large installations, respectively, that serve as an Army-wide model in terms of programs or operations and participation.

Two other ACS staff members were surprised with prestigious ACS awards at the New Orleans conference that

evening— Susan Wilder, an ACS Mobilization and Deployment specialist and Yong Ju (Jeannie) Relaford, the Fort Stewart Financial Readiness program manager.

The 2003 ACS Sterling Award went to Susan Wilder for her "unusual initiative and skill devising improved work methods that achieved outstanding results."

More specifically, Wilder devised a new way for senior spouses, the Executive Family Readiness Group members, to meet and discuss ideas with the garrison commander. The group continues to meet monthly and has been a huge success during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Wilder was also selected to speak for three years at the Georgia National Guard Family Readiness Forum in Atlanta. She received an honorary award from the Department of the Army, given by Gen. Eric Shinseki, a Fort Stewart Deployment Excellence Award, and recently, the Commanders Award for Civilian Service.

The third Fort Stewart ACS award went to Relaford for her collaboration with the State and local Insurance

Commissioner's Office for the landmark decision on the "Hearing for Unlicensed Loan Shops." This class-action suit met a settlement for over \$6.5 million for soldiers and families, who were taken advantage of through numerous "cash-back" loan establishments.

Relaford leads the military and civilian communities in her support to soldiers and families with local resources. She is responsible for the Consumer Awareness Expo, a partnership with the Georgia State Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs, the local Chamber of Commerce, the mayor's office and the Cooperative Extension office. She used town hall meetings and trade show exhibits to improve military and civilian consumer knowledge and awareness and she conducts day and night consumer training for maximum participation.

"The staff has a commitment to excellence and the people they serve," said Linda Heifferon, the Directorate of Community Activities and Services at Fort Stewart. "That commitment is not just a job, but it is their heart, and they do it without thought of self or reward."

## 4th Bde. soldiers earn OIF awards at Hunter

**Pfc. Emily Danial**

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

Headquarters and Headquarters Command, 4th Brigade soldiers were honored in an Operation Iraqi Freedom awards ceremony Oct. 1 at the Departure and Arrival Airfield Control Group facility at Hunter Army Airfield.

Third Infantry Division (Mechanized) Commanding General Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr. complimented the soldiers during the ceremony.

"Troops, you look great as always," he said.

In October 2002, elements of HHC, 4th Bde., deployed to Kuwait as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. In March 2003, 4th Bde. initiated combat operations with supporting fire from Division

Artillery. They completed the destruction of their targets with direct fires and confirmed that the conditions for the final phase of breaching operations could begin.

This operation marked the first time that the AH-64D Longbow Apache was employed in combat. The unit's soldiers continued to conduct combat attack operations and were responsible for the success of countless AH-64 quick-reaction, medical evacuation and re-supply missions. On July 16, 4th Bde. redeployed to Hunter, where it remains postured for future combat operations.

"Your accomplishments in the theater of operations were numerous," said Col. Curtis Potts, 4th Bde. cdr., addressing his soldiers. "Prior to combat operations, you assumed the mission and role as

the CFLCC aviation headquarters and trained corps level attack units in close combat attack.

"You assisted ARCENT Kuwait in the development and building of Camp Udairi and you acted as a reception station for three aviation brigades."

Potts wasn't the only one proud of these soldiers — families, friends and fellow soldiers joined the unit for the ceremony to show their appreciation to the awardees.

Certificates of appreciation were also given to 14 members of the unit's Family Readiness Group for their outstanding efforts to keep families and spouses constantly informed during the deployment.

Webster, Brig. Gen. Jose Riojas, assistant division commander (support), Potts, and others in

command then presented a total of 28 soldiers with the Bronze Star (one with "Valor" device), nine earned the Air Medal (one with "V" device), and 47 received the Army Commendation medal.

"We appreciate all the work you did ... for this division," Webster said to the soldiers. "It is something that will be read about as history."

One recipient of the Army Commendation Medal, Spc. Chris Vann, said he thought the unit "stood together" as a team.

"We're all just glad to be back," he said. "I am honored to have served with each of you, and this special time of recognition belongs to you," Potts said. "You have earned these awards. Be proud of your accomplishments as your nation honors you."



Pfc. Emily Danial

**Maj. Gen. William G. Webster Jr. and Command Sgt. Maj. Julian Kellman present awards to soldiers of HHC, 4th Bde.**



# CID Forensic Officer comes to Baghdad

**Sgt. Mark S. Rickert**  
372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Special Agent Scott Russ, a forensic science officer with the 10th Military Police Battalion Criminal Investigation Command, has in just a few years, traveled the globe to help solve crimes. Recently, Russ came to Baghdad, where he is helping with mass grave investigations. CID forensic science officers are somewhat of a rare breed, and only a handful of these types of agents exist within the CID. Their training is difficult and covers a broad spectrum of skills.

The intensity of Russ’s 12-month training at George Washington University in Maryland set the pace for his career as a CID forensic officer.

Only halfway through the school term, he and other students found themselves in an empty parking lot wearing bio-suits, waiting for dump trucks to bring in rubble from the Pentagon, taken after the Sept 11, 2001 terrorists attacks. When the dump trucks arrived, they poured the rubble across the tarmac, and the students went to work, searching for classified files, airplane parts, and human remains.

Pace of life for Russ hasn’t changed. As a

CID forensic officer, Russ is trained in a wide variety of investigative techniques, including aircraft disasters, mass casualties, and death investigations, and the Army has kept him busy.

“I help determine why people die,” Russ said. “I’m a liaison between an agent in the field and the pathologist. I’m a tool for investigators to use. So I’m constantly travelling.”

Within the last few years, Russ has traveled the world, helping investigate major felonies and war crimes. On Aug. 28th, officials brought Special Agent Russ to Baghdad to support mass graves investigations. Because of Russ’s field of expertise, his participation is important for classifying what the CID soldiers dig up.

“At the mass graves, we look for signs of atrocity,” Russ said. “We look for bound hands, blind folds, or gunshot wounds in the back of the skull. I also help identify certain bones, classifying whether they are male or female bones.”

Russ takes pride in his work, and he takes pride knowing that he helps uncover the truth. Most of all, Russ loves catching criminals.

“When I help solve a crime, and the guy gets convicted, that’s what it’s all about — getting the bad guy off the street. I love getting the bad guy.”



Sgt. Mark S. Rickert

**Forensics Science Officer Scott Russ, a special agent with the 10th MP Det., examines the remains suspected to belong to a person assassinated by the former Iraqi Regime.**

## President comments on weapons inspector's report

**Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hussein deceived the international community, violated United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441, and was a danger to the world, President George W. Bush said Friday, summarizing chief weapons inspector Dr. David Kay's progress report to Congress on his team's investigation of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program.

The president was in Milwaukee to speak

on the nation's economy. He said Kay's report, delivered to Congress Oct. 2, reveals "dozens of WMD-related program activities and significant amounts of equipment that Iraq concealed from the United Nations during the inspections that began in late 2002."

Bush said Kay's report shows Iraq had a secret network of biological laboratories, a live strain of a deadly agent called botulinum and an advanced program for prohibited long-range missiles.

Quoting directly from Kay's report, the president said Iraq's program for weapons of mass

destruction "spanned more than two decades, involved thousands of people, billions of dollars, and it was elaborately shielded by security deception operations that continued even beyond the end of Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Kay's team also has found "systematic destruction of evidence of the illegal activity," Bush said.

Kay told reporters Oct. 2 he believes his team is six to nine months away from knowing most of what it will know about Saddam's weapons programs. In the meantime, Bush said, more work needs to be done to bring

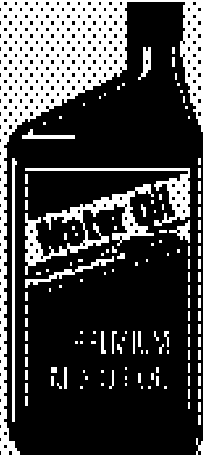
peace and freedom to Iraq.

"A peaceful Iraq and a free Iraq is part of our campaign to rid the world of terror," Bush said. "And that's why the thugs in Iraq still resist us — because they can't stand the thought of free societies."

"Free nations don't attack each other. Free nations don't develop weapons of mass destruction," he said.

"There will be a free and peaceful Iraq. Taking place in Iraq is the evolution of a society which will be democratic in nature, a society in which the people are better off."

### 10 Things You Can Do to Help the Environment



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10. Choose less packaging.



# Rebalancing will reduce multiple reserve mobilizations

**Donna Miles**  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — If you're a National Guardsman or Reservist, chances are about 64 percent that you've been called to active duty during one of seven major mobilizations since 1990. There's about a four to five percent chance that you've been mobilized two or more times.

And if you're among about 8,000 members of the reserve components, you've experienced the one percent chance of being mobilized three or more times since 1990.

As significant as these percentages are, they don't factor in about 7,800 Guard and Reserve members who have been mobilized more than once for the global war on terrorism alone.

Those most likely to have been tapped multiple times serve in what the Department of Defense calls "high-demand, low-density" or "stressed" specialties concentrated largely in the reserve components. These include civil affairs, psychological operations, mortuary affairs and air traffic control positions.

Thomas F. Hall, DoD's assistant secretary for reserve affairs, said repeated call-ups for some reserve component members are putting too much strain on families, employers and the troops themselves.

And although Hall reported that all the reserve components

met their end- strength targets for fiscal year 2003 by Sept. 30, he's concerned that too many call-ups for reserve troops could hurt recruiting and retention down the road.

That's why Hall is committed to Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld's plan to rebalance the force — basically shifting missions between the active and reserve components, and in some cases, to civilian contractors.

Rebalancing, Hall explained, isn't simply a matter of taking high-demand reserve component jobs and moving them to the active force. While that might work in some situations, it won't necessarily work in all, he said.

He pointed to examples in which mobilized reservists bring a treasure trove of experience to their military missions. For example, Army Reservists, who make up 97 percent of the Army's civil affairs units, are contributing city mayors, public works managers, school principals, health-care administrators, banking officials and other highly qualified professionals to rebuilding Iraq's infrastructure.

Another consideration is that building active units "doesn't happen overnight," Hall said. "You have to have training, you have to grow the leaders, you have to recruit. That could take three to four to six years. It takes awhile."

And defense planners aren't willing to take that long to rebalance the force. Hall said he expects it to occur "over this year and next year, not five, six or seven years from now." The services each have plans and "are committed" to the con-

cept, he said.

Another option being considered to rebalance the force, Hall said, is adding more billets for high-demand jobs in the Guard and Reserve. This, he explained, would increase the number of reserve component troops in a particular specialty, broadening the pool of qualified people available for mobilizations. "That way," Hall said, "you wouldn't have to keep using the same ones."

Still another way to help rebalance the force is to contract out some of the jobs Reservists and Guardsmen are being mobilized to carry out, particularly those that are not considered "core" military functions. So far, Hall said, DoD has identified as many as 370,000 jobs that could be performed by civilians.

For example, when Hall visited troops mobilized to Kosovo, he was particularly impressed by the successful use of a contractor to run many typical garrison-type functions. Contractors there ran the food service operation, all Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities, and trash and garbage disposal. "They were also doing force protection," Hall said. "And they were doing a magnificent job."

Hall said DoD probably will use a combination of these options in its strategy to rebalance the force. "There is no one single solution to rebalancing," he said. "It's a multiple-solution problem, and we're looking at all of those multiple options."

In some ways, he said the military's heavy reliance on its reserve components is actually a good-news story — proof that the military's "total force" concept is working, and that Guard and Reserve soldiers have proven themselves as full partners in America's defense.

That's something that won't change through the rebalancing effort. America's reserve components, Hall said, will remain an important part of U.S. national defense plans.

"We made a commitment in the '90s ... to make our Guard and Reserve just as good as the active duty force, to totally integrate them into the force," Hall said. The result is that today's reserve forces are equipped and trained just as well as their active-component counterparts, he said, and they've become vital to the nation's defense.

"These units are superb units, and they're very well trained and very capable," he said. "So we're sending them forward and they're doing the job."

When members of the reserve components are called to active duty, Hall said he's committed to making sure they're trained and ready to do their military jobs, and they're mobilized only for the length of time absolutely required.

"We don't want to have one more or one less Guardsman or Reservist on active duty at any time than we need. Not one more or one less," he said.

"And when we do mobilize, we don't want it to be 'just in case.' We want it to be 'just in time,'" Hall said. "We don't want to mobilize (you) just in case and let you sit at some mobilization station for three months."

The goal, Hall said, is to "get the mobilization timelines down so we mobilize you just in time, have the required training you need, get you over so you can do your job, and get you home as quickly as we can.

"We're leaving the paradigm of 'just in case' and replacing it with 'just in time.'"



Maj. Cotton Puryear

Virginia Army National Guard Spc. Brent Hart, Staff Sgt. Ronald Cruz, and Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Bristow clear debris from Route 618 in Surry County after Hurricane Isabel blew through in mid-September. They are members of Company C, 276th Engineer Battalion.



# Deadlines set for mail headed overseas for holidays

**Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample**  
American Forces Press Release

WASHINGTON — If you want make sure your holiday packages arrive to service-members overseas on time, mail them by Nov. 13.

Otherwise, your package could very well be on the proverbial "slow boat to China," said Mark DeDomenic, chief of postal operations for the Military Postal Service Agency.

Military postal operations employees ship about 250,000 pounds of mail each day to Iraq. That number is expected to go up to about 325,000 pounds each day during the year-end holiday season, which is why DeDomenic suggests that people mail holiday packages early.

"Mailing early is the best way to ensure that mail gets through the pipeline and to its destination on time," he said.

The Military Postal Service Agency has set the following deadlines for holiday mail: Parcel Post, Nov. 13; Space Available, Nov. 28; Parcel-Airlift Mail, Dec. 4; Priority and First-Class Letters or Cards, Dec. 11.

Those dates also should be observed when

sending mail from most overseas locations to the United States as well, DeDomenic said. The Army's 1st Armored Division has a pop-up window that appears on its Web site, linking to an electronic information sheet with specific guidance for people sending mail to and from Germany.

Other tips for faster delivery include mailing smaller packages. "The smaller the package, the easier it is to handle, the quicker we can move it," DeDomenic said. "Shoe box-sized packages are perfect."

Because packages going to an APO or FPO address will require a U.S. Customs label, DeDomenic said, senders should be specific about what is inside the package. "People tend to like to put on the customs label 'Gifts,'" he said. "This is very vague and that is the type of thing that will slow mail down. We must know exactly what is in those boxes to ensure that they are mailable items."

Although some servicemembers move from place to place, DeDomenic said customers should mail packages to the recipient's most recent known address. Although in most places mail will reach its destination in a timely manner, troops on the move often mean that mail will have to be forwarded.

"The packages will catch up, but sometimes it may take a little longer," he said.

It's a good idea to place a copy of the address inside the package, just in case the address label or package gets damaged. "That way, the package can be rewrapped and sent to the correct address," he said.

To ensure packages arrive safely, DeDomenic suggested using strong, sturdy boxes with lots of wrapping. He said boxes should be packed tightly, using packing materials such as popcorn or newspapers, to keep contents from moving. He also recommended that senders use good tape, because the humidity in the desert tends to destroy tape's adhesive qualities.

"Masking tape is a definite 'no' when it comes to mailing, and (light-duty transparent tape) is terrible," he said. "Reinforced nylon tape works very well."

It's also important to remember what can't be mailed, DeDomenic said.

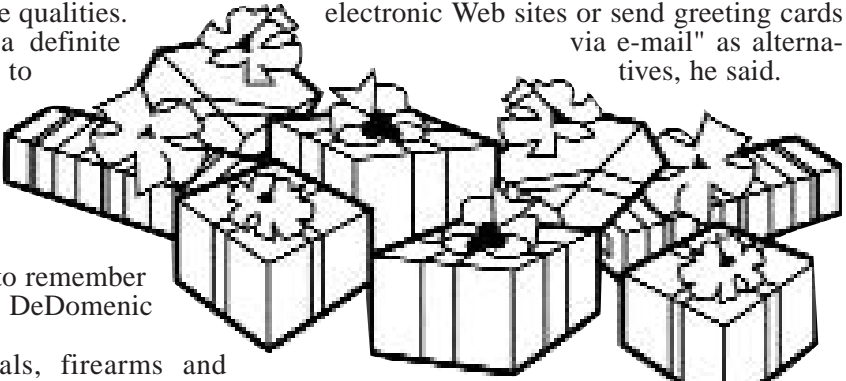
Hazardous materials, firearms and

flammable liquids are prohibited inside packages. This includes alcoholic beverages and even some perfumes that may have a high alcohol content, he said.

Also he advises not to install batteries inside the electronic items that require them. "Things tend to get turned on (from jostling during shipping), and that causes security concerns," he said.

Because of security restrictions, mass-mailing operations such as "Operation Dear Abby" or "Any Service Member" cannot be supported by the agency this year using traditional mail, DeDomenic said.

"We ask that the American public use electronic Web sites or send greeting cards via e-mail" as alternatives, he said.



# U.S. repositions overseas footprint before BRAC cuts at home

**Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample**  
American Forces Press Release

WASHINGTON — Although many in the standing-room-only audience expected to hear the Army's plans for the next Base Realignment and Closure round scheduled for 2005, Raymond DuBois, deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment, said that for now, the major issue concerning the Pentagon is the military's global footprint overseas.

DuBois spoke at the Association of the U.S. Army convention here Monday.

The BRAC process has become an important part of the military's transformation efforts, he said, as the Pentagon tries to eliminate excess capacity and infrastructure and free up funds for those installations that will be vital to the war on terrorism and future warfighting efforts.

"The secretary of defense promised the Congress of the United States that he would rearrange his overseas footprint before he began to rearrange his domestic footprint," DuBois said during his briefing on installations and transformation at the convention.

DuBois said the reason behind the secretary's decision to focus on its "overseas footprint" is because the terrorism threat to the United States is "clearly more global than ever before."

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld left this week for Denver, where he is meeting with NATO representatives to discuss the global basing requirements facing the United

States and its allies.

"Secretary Rumsfeld knows that in order to fight and deter that global threat, we've got to have a repositioning of our global footprint," he said. Just this week, he said, the Pentagon announced it was moving forces in South Korea away from the capital of Seoul.

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Describing the global basing issue facing the Pentagon as "very, very" crucial, DuBois noted the 2004 budget was "reprioritized" to shift and realign millions of dollars in military construction funds away from what he calls 'nonenduring' overseas bases — those bases where the military's long-term presence is questionable — to installations that will fulfill critical operational or training mission requirements, which he said are "key to (the U.S.) global basing posture."

Using Germany as an example, DuBois said that in fiscal 2003 and 2004, the Pentagon canceled 26 military construction projects worth \$280 million. That money was then funneled to 18 new projects in the United States.

"For anyone in the media or anyone in Congress to suggest that we didn't make some serious decision or move some serious money is incorrect," he said.

DuBois also noted that in South Korea, construction money was diverted from nonenduring installations there to Camp Humphries, a base he said will be "central" to future U.S. strategy.

President Bush's \$87 billion supplemental spending request includes \$412 million for military construction, DuBois said, with the Army slated for \$120 million to replace and rebuild "aged or almost nonexistent" infrastructure for deployed U.S. soldiers.

DuBois explained that when the military deploys, the local community's infrastructure supports the military's need for potable water, sewage, and electric power. And in the case of Iraq, where that infrastructure has been "problematic at best," he said, it is "imperative" that the U.S. military doesn't "pull away" in terms of the civilian infrastructure in that country.

He said every megawatt of electricity U.S. forces uses in Iraq takes about 1,000 Iraqi homes out of the power grid. "So you can see it is to our advantage, both militarily and from a civilian reconstruction standpoint, to spend these precious dollars on water, sewage (and) electricity for our military, specifically for Army troops in Iraq," DuBois said.



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# MP Corps honors MPs killed in action

Dennis Ryan

Special to The Frontline

WASHINGTON — The Military Police Corps dedicated a memorial plaque at Arlington National Cemetery Oct. 2 honoring the more than 200 military policemen killed in action since World War I.

The site chosen at the corner of McClellan and Eisenhower Drives holds special significance to military police and provost marshals since World War II. Retired Col. David Patton, a military policeman and previous Fort Myer, Va., garrison commander, uncovered the connection.

"I discovered the military police school was at Fort Myer," Patton told a crowd of about 150 present. "My search took me to what was then South Post (Fort Myer). We never found the exact place of the school."

So the plaque was placed at the approximate location of the South Post main gate. The South Post of Fort Myer was located in land that is now part of the cemetery.

Military police have been part of the Army since it's inception during the American Revolution and have served in all of the nation's wars. But the Corps was not officially established until Sept. 26, 1941.

The corps earned designation as a combat support branch for its service during the bloody

battles of the 1968 Tet offensive in Vietnam. Military policemen fought Viet Cong guerillas on the grounds of the American Embassy in Saigon during the offensive.

Retired Col. Jack Hyde served as a military policeman with the 9th Armored Division during the Battle of the Bulge. There he met the legendary Gen. George Patton.

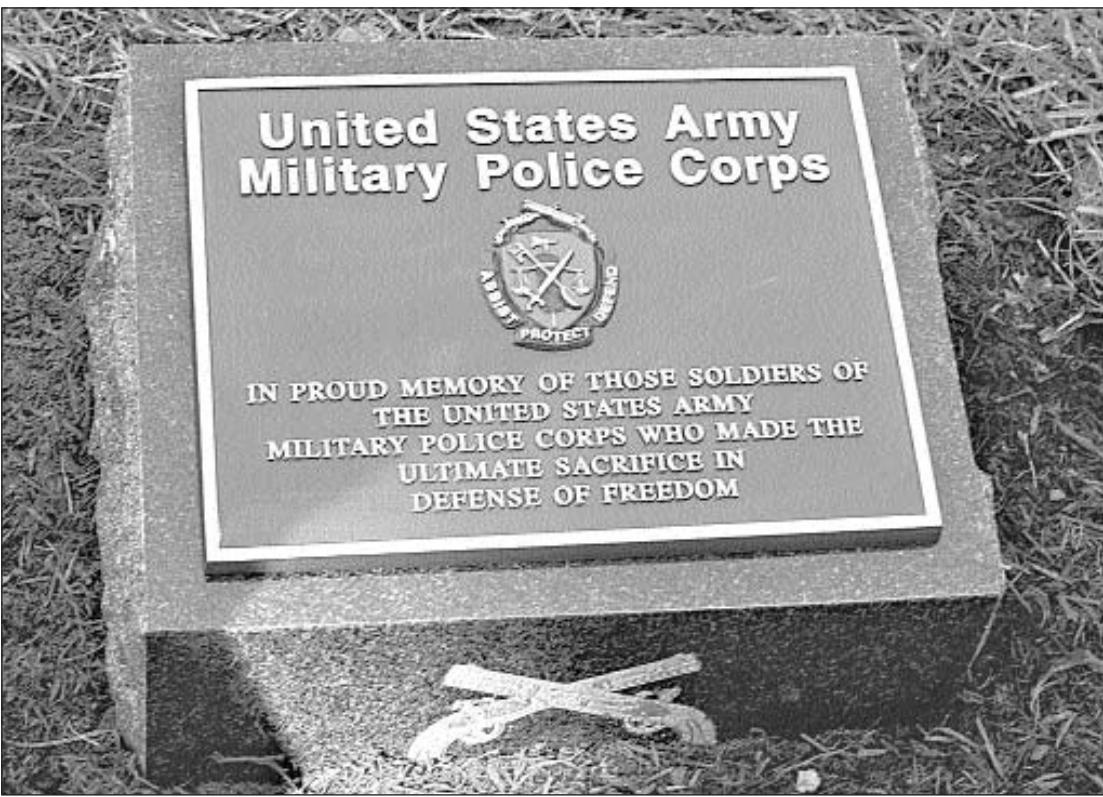
Hyde, then a second lieutenant, stopped Patton from going through a road block.

The general, famous for his temper, objected strenuously, but the young officer refused to let him through. Hyde had captured two Germans that morning less than a hundred yards away from the roadblock.

"He asked for my name," Hyde said. "I figured I'd get a letter of reprimand. Two weeks later I got a letter promoting me."

Hyde later became bridge control officer at the famous bridge over the Rhine River at Remagen. Military police helped defend the bridge from a furious German counter attack. The capture and holding of the bridge enabled American forces to pour across the Rhine and shorten the war.

Today, there are roughly 38,000 military policemen in the Army. Besides performing standard police functions on posts, they provide convoy security in Iraq, detainee handling in Afghanistan, Guantanamo and Iraq and area security operations.



Army Photo

The MP Corps monument in Arlington National Cemetery honors military policemen who have been killed since World War I.

## Marne TV

## October 2003 Schedule

Marne TV can be found on Comcast Cable Channel 16 every day of the week. Tune in to the Marne Report seven times a day for the latest from Stewart and Hunter.

5:00am	Army Newswatch	1:30pm	Air Force News
5:30am	MARNE REPORT	4:30pm	Army Newswatch
6:00am	Navy News	5:00pm	MARNE REPORT
7:30am	Army Newswatch	5:30pm	Navy News
8:00am	MARNE REPORT	6:00pm	MARNE REPORT
8:30am	Navy News	6:30pm	Army Newswatch
9:00am	Air Force News	7:00pm	MARNE REPORT
11:30am	Army Newswatch	10:00pm	MARNE REPORT
Noon	MARNE REPORT	10:30pm	Navy News
12:30pm	Navy News	11:00pm	Army Newswatch



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## Stewart

### Estate claims

Anyone with property belonging to Pfc. Charles M. Sims, 549th MP Co., should contact Capt. Mark Germano.

Additionally, anyone indebted to Sims, or to whom Sims is indebted, should also contact Germano as soon as possible at [mark.germano@stewart.army.mil](mailto:mark.germano@stewart.army.mil); or 767-2384/2385/9068.

### Bi-Annual Block Party

This event will be sponsored by Family Advocacy Program, ACS, Fire Dept., ASAP, and DPS.

There will be food, music, entertainment, K-9 demonstration and fun from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, ACS Bldg. 470.

For more information call 767-5064.

### Attention motorists

New water line construction across from Frank Cochran Dr. between Crisp Ave. and Whitney St. is schedule to commence at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 and conclude at 4 p.m., Monday.

This will result in a closure of Frank Cochran Dr. at the water line crossing. A by-pass will be constructed around the worksite during this time period.

Motorists entering the installation by Frank Cochran Dr. should turn right onto Bultman Ave., and motorists going off post should likewise use Bultman Ave.

We apologize for any inconvenience during the weekend and holiday.

### Child and Youth Services

The Central Registration office located in Bldg. 443 has changed operational hours. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday.

The office will not be closed from 1 to 2 p.m. as previously scheduled.

### School absences conditional

**Fort Stewart Schools** (Diamond and Brittin) will support recently deployed soldiers, within reason and within available resources, when requesting a student absence.

Students will be considered excused during block leave. Parents are encouraged to coordinate with the student's teacher on missed homework and class assignments. Time away from school should be kept at a minimum.

**Liberty County Schools** will grant up to five days of unexcused absence during block leave for children of deployed soldiers.

Soldiers are required to provide a written request to the school principal which states the reason for the absence and projected dates that the student will be out of school.

Students will be allowed to make up missed homework and assignments. Teachers will work with students to ensure that they do not fall behind in the classroom. Since Liberty County schools are required to follow the No-Child-Left-Behind mandate and are graded by attendance, students will be required to be re-enrolled in school if an absence exceeds five days.

### Main Gate

Gate 1 has only one accessible inbound lane and one accessible outbound lane.

All inbound traffic entering through the main gate is routed to a new four-way stop located where General Stewart Way intersects with Memorial Drive and proceeds to General Screven Way.

Construction will be ongoing during this period. To alleviate the traffic flow, 4th Street Gate (Gate 2/Troupe Gate) is open.

### Main Education Center

The Main Education Center, Building 130, is discontinuing its Saturday hours as of Oct. 4. Computer usage is available at the Marne Multimedia Center Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There are also other learning centers in buildings 1237, 729, 506 and 208 where computers may be accessed as well.

If you have any questions or need more information please call 767-8331.

## Hunter

### Bi-Annual Block Party

This party is sponsored by Family Advocacy Program, ACS, Fire Dept., and DPS. It will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18 in the ACS parking lot, Bldg. 1286, across from the PX.

There will be free food, games, entertainment and educational fun. For more information call 352-6494/5259.

### Annual Fall Festival

Hunter Officer Spouses Club is hosting an auction at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14 at the Hunter Club. There will be hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and great fun. Auction proceeds benefit military welfare and scholarships.

For more information contact the OSC Fundraising Chairman, Nicole Weaver at 925-5593.

### DCAS events

Post Youth Fall Festival will be held 1 to 3 p.m., Oct. 25 for youth and families. There will be games, prizes, competitions, crafts and food. Program will be held at the Youth Center, Bldg. 6052. For more information call 352-5708.

### Middle school and teens

Registration is now underway for a free after school program for 6th through 8th graders. Hours will be 2:30 to 6 p.m.

### Morning road closure

North Perimeter Road from the 117th Tactical Control Squadron to the Stephen Douglas Street intersection will be closed to vehicular traffic from 6 to 7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday to support unit physical fitness programs.

Ask your unit first sergeant or contact the Hunter Safety Office for Hunter's physical training policies, by calling 352-5814.

### American Red Cross

The Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross has FREE toiletry items, such as soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, for soldiers and family members. For more information call 651-5300.

### Skeet range

The skeet range is open 4 to 9 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. to

noon Saturdays.

Fort Stewart and Hunter Hunting and Fishing Permits and Georgia State Hunting and Fishing licenses are sold in Bldg. 8250.

An education course is required for an on-post hunting permit.

For more information, call 352-5916.

### Youth Services

School Age Services (SAS) opens 6 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. during school. There are before and after school programs for 1st through 5th graders. Enjoy fun and leisure activities, educational, tutoring, computer lab, sports, fitness and more.

Join the 4-H community club, photography and technology groups. Check with your school for transportation. For more information call 352-5708 or 352-6705.

### Keystone Club

Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. This club offers Character Counts activities as well as other activities that meet the physical, emotional and social needs and interests of girls and boys through diversified program activities in six areas:

- Personal and Educational Development
- Cultural Enrichment
- Social Recreation
- Citizenship and Leadership Development
- Outdoor and Environmental Education.

### Auto craft

Enroll your teen in a Beginner's Maintenance Class to build their confidence and skill. Enroll with them and learn to change you car's oil, belts, and tires together. Classes are available for groups of at least three participants. For more information, call 352-6244.

### Hunter Club

Renovation is ongoing until early October, however Hunter Club is open Fridays for NCO and O Call 5 to 9 p.m. except training holidays

There is no cover charge, free snacks, great music, play karaoke, X-Box, foosball and more.

## Winn Army Community Hospital

### Special hours today

Services at Winn and Tuttle will be limited today. Winn will be closed 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will offer emergency care only during that time. Tuttle will close for the day at 11 a.m.

### Hospital main entrance

Access to the main entrance of the hospital will be limited due to construction Oct. 13 through the first week of November.

Patient parking will not be affected, however, refill pharmacy parking will not be available. Patients will need to follow the designated sidewalk to enter the hospital.

### Additional parking

An additional parking lot on Harmon Ave., adjacent to Winn and next to the sports complex, is open for patient parking.

### Blood drive

A blood drive will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 14 in a blood mobile near the outpatient entrance.

### Bereavement Support Group

The next Bereavement Support Group will be held 7 to 8 p.m. Oct. 14. This group is for beneficiaries who have lost a loved one. For more information, call 370-6661.

### "Take Care of Yourself"

The next "Take Care of Yourself" class at Winn will be 11 a.m. to noon Oct. 22. Tuttle's class will be held 10 to 11 a.m. Oct. 22. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book.

Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the Oct. 22 class, call 368-3048. To register for Tuttle's class, call 1-800-652-9221.

### Exceptional Family Member

The next Exceptional Family Member Program enrollment orientation will be 1:30 to 3 p.m. Oct. 23 at Winn. Meet other families and learn about other community support services.

For more information, call 370-

6505.

### Winn seeks volunteers

Winn is looking for adult volunteers to help out in a wide range of areas from administrative specialists to chaperones to certified or licensed nurses. The next mandatory orientation will be held 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Nov. 7. For more information, call 370-6903.

### Pharmacy hours of operation

The pharmacy is open 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday. Hours on training holidays are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The refill pharmacy is open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

### Tuttle

The pharmacy is open 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday. The pharmacy is closed weekends, federal holidays and training holidays.

### Intervention services

Families with children up to 3-years-old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening. Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments. For more information, call 370-6349.

### Family reunion support

Family reunion support is available for families having difficulty adjusting after a deployment. Support is available by appointment or on a walk-in basis. For more information, call 370-6100 or 370-6111.

### Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

# Post-wide Flea Market and Yard Sale Saturday, Nov. 1 — Walker Field

*Rain or shine and open to the public - the biggest community yard sale ever.*

**There will be a Flea Market at Walker Field 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors space is available and the cost is \$5 per booth. Pre-register at the Sports Office (Softball Complex) or call 767-8326/8238.**

**Yard Sales will be in front yards all over Fort Stewart 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. No permits required for yard sales this day, blanket approval granted.**

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POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Private, 21-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Criminal trespass
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** Simple assault, disorderly conduct
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 20-year-old male, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** Failure to yield while turning
- **Location:** Fort Stewart.
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 26-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrong class license, no helmet
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male
- **Charges:** Furnishing alcohol to a minor
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male
- **Charges:** Disrespect to a noncommissioned officer, failure to obey a lawful order
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 19-year-old male, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, weaving over the roadway, open container
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male
- **Charges:** Carrying a concealed pistol, driving under the influence, failure to give aid
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 32-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Possession of controlled substance, carrying a concealed pistol
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Driving on suspended license
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 30-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Driving with unlawful blood alcohol level, failure to register automobile
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** DUI, driving too fast for conditions
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Family member, 24-year-old female,
- **Charges:** Simple battery
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Fighting in public place, obstruction by refusing
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 28-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
- **Charges:** Shoplifting
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving under the influence, speeding 55/35, possession of open container while operating vehicle
- **Location:** Richmond Hill
- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 29-year-old male, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** Simple assault
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Civilian, 35-year-old female
- **Charges:** Conspiracy, mail fraud, larceny of government funds, forgery of a personal check,
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 21-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old female, 24th Support Group
- **Charges:** False official statement, wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, 1st Brigade
- **Charges:** Simple assault, interfering with 911 call
- **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 25-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Wrongful damaging of private property
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Forgery, larceny of private property/funds
- **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 23-year-old male, Division Support Command
- **Charges:** Attempted murder, conspiracy, failure to register privately owned weapon, unlawful possession of weapon/revolver, accessory after the fact
- **Location:** Walthourville
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Tybee Island
- **Subject:** Specialist, 21-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
- **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 23-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
- **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana, wrongful possession of marijuana
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 22-year-old male, separate battalion
- **Charges:** Failure to exercise due care
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 19-year-old female
- **Charges:** Improper backing
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 38-year-old female
- **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
- **Location:** Fort Stewart

Ask the judge

Bad checks — are they worth it?

**Q** I recently wrote some checks around town and on post, but I do not have enough money in my account to cover them. What will happen to me?

**A:** We all know that writing a check without the funds to cover it is bad. It will hurt your credit, embarrass you and probably cost you a processing fee between \$20 and \$30 from your bank (and even then they often times won't cover the check). And even worse, the bank doesn't just charge you one time when you deplete your funds, they continue to pile it on every time another check clears. If you write a bad check to the PX, you will be put on their 1000 most wanted and won't be able to write checks there anymore. In the end, it's a pain, it becomes expensive and once more, it's criminal. Under the UCMJ you can be imprisoned for writing bad checks. Article 134 makes uttering or making a worthless check by failing (negligently) to maintain funds a crime punishable by imprisonment for 6 months, a Bad-Conduct discharge, and total forfeiture of all pay and allowances. And if it is done with knowledge that you did not have the funds available, under Article 123a, the maximum punishment is 5 years confinement, total forfeitures, and a Dishonorable Discharge.

If you write the check on post, all this applies, but what if you are off-post? Many soldiers believe that if the unit never knows about it, then what's the big deal? You pay the

fees and no one is the wiser. Well, even if your unit never finds out about a check written off-post, it's still a real bad idea. It's criminal in Georgia and other states and gets real expensive. By the way, your commanders will find out because the locals tell us.

So, it's criminal, it's embarrassing, its expensive . . . but do you really realize how expensive it is? You may not realize how much it really costs you until you have a warrant issued for your arrest and you either go to jail or pay as much as four times the amount of the original check. Think about it before you write that check, is it really worth it? Besides the embarrassment, damage to your credit, here is a sampling from a recent blotter of what it really costs you to the penny:

- Checks in the amount of \$222.26 and \$95.03 written to Wal-Mart. Both checks returned due to insufficient funds. Warrants were issued for the arrest of the soldier for the offense of deposit account fraud. Soldier was processed at Liberty County Sheriff's office and after paying a total of \$617.29 (a \$296.00 difference) was released on his own recognizance.
- Similar situation as above, check in the amount of \$29.63 to Wal-Mart, warrant was issued, soldier processed and released after paying a total of \$149.63 (a \$120 difference).
- And finally, a check for \$97.50 issued to Liberty Chrysler returned for insufficient funds. Soldier picked up on warrant, processed and released after paying \$217.50 (a \$120 difference).

Of course, these numbers do not include bank charges, fees from the vendors or all of the other costs outlined above. So, next time before you write that check, think. Is it really worth it?



Saddam is still on the run, and he is likely in disguise. These illustrations show what Hussein may look like.



**Spc. Joshua Hutcheson**

CFLCC Public Affairs

MOSUL, Iraq - Coalition soldiers relinquished security and guarding responsibilities of Objective Jaguar, an ammo supply point, to the soldiers from Delta Company, part of the Iraq Civil Defense Corps, in a relief in place ceremony Oct. 2.

The ammo supply point that the Iraqis will guard is 12 square kilometers, and has been guarded by 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) for the last five months, said Warrant Officer Denis Pelts, ICDC officer in charge, HSB, 2nd Bn., 320th FA.

“The mission to secure the ammo supply point is important ... it’s larger then the city of Mosul,” said Lt. Col. Kevin Felix, commander, 2nd Bn., 320th FA.

Besides Obj. Jaguar, the ICDC will secure the nearby Al Hatra hotel as well as 2,000 year-old ruins that are in the area, said Staff Sgt. Ricardo Mendez, cadre member, Headquarters and Service Battery, 2nd Bn., 320th FA.

“The ICDC is the cornerstone to building the new Iraq,” said Staff Sgt. Joseph Gullett, cadre leader, HSB, 2nd Bn., 320th FA.

The Soldiers of the ICDC underwent two phases of training by American soldiers. First they spent two weeks in a basic training camp at Camp Claiborne in Mosul. Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) trained the Iraqis in marksmanship, Drill and Ceremony and other military disciplines.

After a period of leave for the Iraqis, soldiers from 2nd Bn., 320th FA, took the Iraqi soldiers to Obj. Jaguar, outside the village of Al Hatra, for another week of training.

The eight cadre members continued with marksmanship training, physical training and first aid, Mendez said.

In addition, the Iraqis were given classes on running observation posts, gate guarding, detaining people and searching vehicles, Gullett said.

“Training has been mostly easy, but also difficult at times because of the language barrier,” Pelts said .

The training of the ICDC gave the American and Iraqi soldiers a chance to get to know each other and learn

from the different cultures. The Iraqis showed a desire to learn what they could.

“I’m very proud of the Iraqis, they’re quick learners,” Mendez said. “And they’re very proud of themselves, they know what they’re doing and they have good leadership.”

“They have great leadership and motivation,” Pelts said. “With the limited amount of training they got, they’re outstanding.”

The relief in place ceremony marks a change that is occurring all over northern Iraq — Iraqis taking responsibility and care of their own country. The goal of the 101st is to eventually have the Iraqis able to run their country without assistance from coalition

forces.

“This is important because it represents assumption of responsibility by Iraqi forces,” said Col. Ben Hodges, commander, 1st Brigade, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). “(The transition) has gone surprisingly smooth, I’m very encouraged.”

“The ICDC is the key to rebuilding and stabilizing Iraq,” Pelts said.

With the ICDC taking over securing sites in the Al Hatra area, the 101st soldiers will take a supervisory role, making sure in the upcoming months that everything goes well as more responsibility is transferred to the Iraqis, Gullett said.



Master Sgt. Kelly Tyler

**101st Airborne Division Commander Maj. Gen. David H. Petraeus speaks to Iraqi Civil Defense Corps soldiers after a relief in place ceremony Oct. 1 at Objective Jaguar, the Al Hadr Ammunition Supply Point.**



# Radio station brings truth to Afghanistan

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — One group of soldiers in Afghanistan has started reaching out to the Afghan people via radio waves.

Troops from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C., and Co. B., 17th Bn., 7th PSYOPS Group, Aurora, Ill., took over broadcasting of Peace radio when they arrived in country. The program hit the airwaves after the downfall of the Taliban throughout the country in early 2002.

“Our function is to broadcast information to the local people of this nation, letting them know exactly what’s happening in their country,” said Staff Sgt. Thomas Pina, non-commissioned officer in charge of the programming, B Co., 3rd Bn., 4th PSYOPS.

The unit’s Product Development Detachment gathers information from several different sources to include civil affairs teams, public affairs offices and governmental offices.

It is then filtered through the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force. Task Force 180 personnel sort through

the information that is later translated into either the Dari or Pashtu language depending on where the information is used.

Though the team currently broadcasts out of Bagram, Pina said they’re “looking to expand their reach. Our goal would be to get all of Afghanistan.”

“The people themselves, I imagine, are hungry for information,” he said. “They’re hungry for a better way of life so we’re trying to do that in our own way.”

The programming is aired 18 hours a day, seven days a week. A tough task for the small crew, but one they say will greatly affect the progress of the nation.

“Our job is to win the minds and hearts of the Afghan population,” said Pina who added that it’s not always easy due to the remaining influence of the Taliban and al Qaeda. “Old habits are hard to break (and,) if you’ve been under a certain warlord or a certain forceful element, it’s hard to break away from that just because there’s these guys, knights in shining armor, that come along and say they’re the saviors.”

“It’s hard for the Afghan people to grasp the idea that with the wave of our magic wand, all of a sudden we can fix everything,” he said.

“It’s a long-term situation, a long-term goal,” said Pina.

“The impact ‘Peace’ actually has on the people is hard to track,” Pina said. Though troops know that people hear them, determining who and when is difficult.

“People are sometimes unwilling to come free with information,” said Pina. “Even though they know we’re the good guys, they’re still trying to feel their way through — what can I say to this person.”

The broadcast team is related to the Peace newsletter whose goal is the same; to distribute the truth throughout the country.

“We’re trying to mirror the two sides,” said Pina. “Whatever we’re speaking about on the radio side is what they’re printing on the print side.”

Joining forces helps double the chances the messages are heard, increasing the possibility for peace and prosperity in the country.

Though keeping the radio station up and running is hard work, Pina says it does have its advantages.

“Looking at it from an American standpoint and looking at these people living in this country, the gap between us and them is tremendously large,” said Pina. “It’s somewhat humbling (doing this job) because you’re making an affect on people’s lives.”